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SUBJ: MALI AND PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF  
GENEVA CONFERENCE ON ARMED CONFLICTS

REF: STATE 8673; STATE 10509

1. EMBASSY OFFICER RAISED ISSUES REFERENCED TELEGRAMS  
WITH CHIEF OF LEGAL DIVISION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY  
(DJIBRIL MAIGA) WHO GAVE POSITION GOM AS FOLLOWS:

A. GOM RECOGNIZES PRG AS SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT

B. PRG ADHERED TO GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949 ON  
PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF WAR AND DEPOSITORY STATE,  
SWITZERLAND, ACCEPTED PRG INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION.

D. GENEVA CONVENTION DOES NOT APPLY EXCLUSIVELY TO GOVERN-  
MENTS OR STATES BUT EMPLOYS TERM SUCH AS QUOTE BELLIGERENTS OR  
CONTENDING PARTIES OR CONTRACTING PARTIES UNQUOTE. MAIGA  
NOT SURE OF EXACT TERM USED IN GENEVA CONVENTION BUT  
HE WAS EMPHATIC THAT GENEVA CONVENTION WAS NOT  
ADDRESSED EXCLUSIVELY TO SOVERIGN STATES. PRECEDENT  
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OF PRG ALGERIA EXISTS FOR RECOGNIZING PRG VIETNAM

INCLUSION IN CONFERENCE.

D. SINCE PRG REPRESENTATION ISSUE AT 1974 SESSION WAS DEEMED PROCEDURAL QUESTION BY CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, GOM EXPECTS THAT ISSUE WILL BE REGARDED AS PROCEDURAL ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION IN ORDER TO BE CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS RULING. PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS ARE DECIDED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY UNDER RULE 35, PARAGRAPH 2.

E. IF CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN SHOULD DEEM PRG ISSUE A SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE REQUIRING TWO THIRDS VOTE, HIS RULING WILL BE CHALLENGED AND IT CAN BE OVERTHROWN BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE.

2. MAIGA WHO IS APPARENTLY RAPPOREUR OF COMMISSION 2 OF PLENARY CONFERENCE COMMENTING UNOFFICIALLY SAID THAT HE KNEW MOST CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WOULD FAVOR PRG SEATING THIS SESSION AND THAT PRG WOULD HAVE BEEN SEATED LAST SESSION BUT FOR ABSENCE SOME DELEGATES IN CLTSE VOTE (37-38-33). UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES HE URGED USG RECONSIDER ITS STANCE WHICH NOT IN HARMONY MAJORITY DELEGATES.

3. QUESTION OF GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS TO PRG AT WMO CONGRESS RAISED PER STATE 10509, BUT IN LIGHT OF ABOVE CLEARLR GOM INTENDS VOTE FOR PRG OBSERVER STATUS ALTHOUGH MAIGA DID NOT APPEAR TO KNOW ABOUT MARCH 23 BALLOTING THIS ISSUE.  
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